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MILITARY AIRCRAFT STORAGE AIRFIELDS IN THE USSR

1. This study of 14 military aircraft storage airfields in the USSR (Figure 1) is intended as an analytical aid for assessing the Soviet capability for rapid deployment of large numbers of aircraft required for a buildup or a crisis. The highest aircraft storage counts prior to 1 January 1968 are compared with the latest totals observed at these fields. This comparison provides a means of assessing aircraft logistics that were possibly related to political and military events of the past several years (Table 1).

2. The total of latest counts of military aircraft stored at the 14 airfields was 1,395, of which 238 were BEAGLE bombers and 1,157 were fighters. These counts with one exception were derived from the latest or best 1970 KEYHOLE photography through April 1970. The counts by type of aircraft are as follows:

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Type of Aircraft	Highest Count Prior to 1 Jan 68	Latest Count
BEAGLE	349	238
FISHBED	26	35
FARMER	96	27
FAGOT/FRESCO	1,701	1,095
Total Aircraft	2,172	1,395

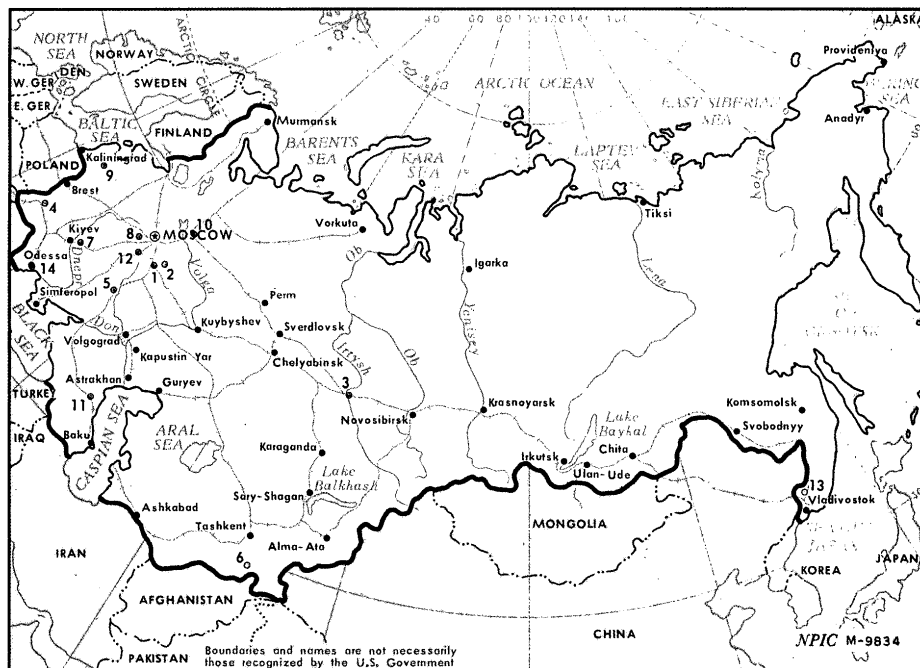


FIGURE 1. LOCATIONS OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT STORAGE AIRFIELDS IN THE USSR.
Item numbers are keyed to Table 1.

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3. The bombers were in storage at three airfields--Tambov, Michurinsk, and Omsk Southwest (item 1-3). The fighters were in storage at 11 other airfields (item 4-14).

4. Some of these airfields appear to have other functions besides storage. Spassk-Dalniy Airfield has an air force training school at the field. Gissar Airfield has an operational FRESCO unit, as well as an overhaul and maintenance facility. Omsk Airfield Southwest may have a flight-training unit associated with it, and Lvov/Sknilov Airfield may serve a second function as a transshipment point for aircraft leaving the country (Figure 2).

5. Significant decreases in the number of aircraft have occurred at most of the airfields in the past two years. These decreases may reflect the Soviet buildup along the USSR-China border as well as the re-equipping of Arab air forces with Soviet aircraft.

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Table 1. Aircraft Counts at Military Aircraft Storage Airfields in the USSR

<u>Item</u>	<u>Airfield</u>	<u>Highest Count Prior to 1 Jan 68</u>	<u>Latest Count</u>
1	Tambov Airfield [redacted] 52-42N 041-22E	Sep 64: 154 BEAGLE	Mar 70: 93 BEAGLE
2	Michurinsk Airfield [redacted] 52-56N 040-30E	Oct 65: 115 BEAGLE	Mar 70: 65 BEAGLE
3	Omsk Airfield Southwest [redacted] 54-58N 073-18E	Jun 67: 80 BEAGLE	Apr 70: 80 BEAGLE
4	Lvov/Sknilov Airfield [redacted] 49-48N 023-57E	Apr 66: 26 FISHBED 269 FAGOT/ FRESCO	Apr 70: 27 FISHBED 165 FAGOT/ FRESCO
5	Chuguyev Airfield [redacted] 49-50N 036-38E	Apr 66: 336 FAGOT/ FRESCO	Apr 70: 174 FAGOT/ FRESCO
6	Gissar Airfield [redacted] 38-30N 068-40E	Jun 66: 228 FAGOT/ FRESCO	Apr 70: 144 FAGOT/ FRESCO
7	Chernigov Airfield [redacted] 51-32N 031-18E	Sep 64: 161 FAGOT/ FRESCO	Aug 69: 100 FAGOT/ FRESCO
8	Vyazma Airfield [redacted]	Feb 66: 155 FAGOT/ FRESCO	Mar 70: 92 FAGOT/ FRESCO
9	Panevezys Airfield [redacted] 55-43N 024-27E	Jun 66: 132 FAGOT/ FRESCO	Apr 70: 77 FAGOT/ FRESCO
10	Kostroma Airfield [redacted] 57-47N 041-01E	Jun 67: 124 FAGOT/ FRESCO	Apr 70: 78 FAGOT/ FRESCO
11	Groznyy Airfield Northwest [redacted] 43-21N 045-39E	Apr 66: 112 FAGOT/ FRESCO	Apr 70: 113 FAGOT/ FRESCO
12	Kaluga/Oreshkova Airfield [redacted] 54-28N 036-04E	Mar 65: 91 FAGOT/ FRESCO	Mar 70: 80 FAGOT/ FRESCO
13	Spassk-Dalnyi Airfield [redacted] 44-35N 132-50E	Mar 66: 93 FAGOT/ FRESCO	Apr 70: 72 FAGOT/ FRESCO
14	Odessa/Fontan Airfield [redacted] 46-25N 030-42E	Mar 66: 96 FARMER	Apr 70: 8 FISHBED

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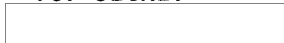
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